

REMARKS

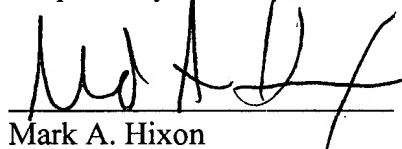
This response is being presented in response to the Examiner's action of July 6, 2004. The Examiner has indicated that claims 1-3, 8, 9 and 13-20 are pending in the application and that all of these claims have been objected to. As all of the claims have been indicated as allowable, prosecution on the merits is closed, in accordance with *ex parte Quayle*. In the response, claims 1 and 20 have been amended. No new matter has been introduced. In light of the amendments and following detailed arguments, it is respectfully submitted that the claims fully distinguish over the applied prior art and are in condition for allowance.

Claims 1 and 20 were objected to because of certain listed informalities. In response thereto, claims 1 and 20 have been amended as suggested by the Examiner. It is therefore submitted that this rejection is now moot.

Therefore, on the basis of the forgoing arguments, it is respectfully submitted that all of the informalities have been addressed, and that all of the claims are therefore in condition for allowance.

In view of the above remarks, a favorable reconsideration of the present application and the passing of this application to issue with all claims allowed are courteously solicited. If the Examiner wishes to modify any of the language of the claims in an effort to move the application towards allowance, a telephone call to the undersigned would be greatly appreciated.

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